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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/148,723
Filing Date	September 3, 1998
First Named Inventor	Warren M. Farnworth et al.
Group Art Unit	3729 #27/RCE
Examiner Name	D. Tugbang RCE
Attorney Docket Number	MI22-981

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other cited art references \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 03/29/2002 AWONDAF1 00000117 09148723
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:179 740.00 OP  
02 FC:103 54.00 OP  
03 FC:102 168.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$962.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
**for FY 2002**

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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**Complete if Known**

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Deposit Account Name: Wells, St. John et al.

The Commissioner is authorized to: (check all that apply)

☒ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☒ Credit any overpayments  
☐ Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application  
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Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 740	201 370	Utility filing fee	740
106 330	206 165	Design filing fee	
107 510	207 255	Plant filing fee	
108 740	208 370	Reissue filing fee	
114 160	214 80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 740.00)

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
25	22		3	18	54
9	7		2	84	168

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 84	202 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 280	204 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 84	209 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$222.00)

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
127 50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional fee or cover sheet
139 130	139 130	Non-English specification
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month
116 400	216 200	Extension for reply within second month
117 920	217 460	Extension for reply within third month
118 1,440	218 720	Extension for reply within fourth month
128 1,960	228 980	Extension for reply within fifth month
119 320	219 160	Notice of Appeal
120 320	220 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121 280	221 140	Request for oral hearing
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
141 1,280	241 640	Petition to revive - unintentional
142 1,280	242 640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
143 460	243 230	Design issue fee
144 620	244 310	Plant issue fee
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner
123 50	123 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
126 180	126 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
581 40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
146 740	246 370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
149 740	249 370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
179 740	279 370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
169 900	169 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 0)

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